

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**JOHN J. O'BRIEN, ET AL.**

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**NO. 12-CR-40026-FDS**

**MOTION TO FILE RESPONSE TO COURT ORDER  
EX PARTE AND UNDER SEAL**

The defendants, William Burke and John J. O'Brien, respectfully request leave to file their response to the Court's order regarding the motion for recusal under seal and *ex parte*. As grounds, Burke and O'Brien state that the response discusses defense trial strategy. Revealing such strategy to the government prematurely would violate the defendants' right to due process and a fair trial under the Fifth and Sixth Amendments. *Cf. In re Boston Herald, Inc.*, 321 F.3d 174 (1st Cir. 2003) (quoting *United States v. Gonzales*, 150 F.3d 1246 (10th Cir. 1998) for the proposition that there is a "unique danger" inherent in making CJA voucher and reimbursement documentation public because it could "reveal the strengths and weaknesses of a defendant's case and his or her trial strategy, including possible defenses, witnesses, and evidence to be used at trial").

Respectfully submitted,  
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/s/ John Amabile